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1966 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND  
SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN LAOS AND THE ADJOINING CHINA  
BORDER AREA.

A. BAN BAN AREA: SUSPECT INSURGENT BIVOUAC AREA 1937N 10345E  
(BOUNDED BY UTM UG690705, UG695705, UG695695, UG690695) IS PARTIALLY

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CONCEALED BUILDINGS OBSERVED, NO DEFENSES DISCERNABLE.

B. HOUAY HOUP AREA:

1. ROUTE 19 APPEARS SERVICEABLE AND ACTIVELY MAINTAINED FROM DIEN BIEN PHU SW TO UTM TJ560394 APPROXIMATELY 9.8 NM WEST OF HOUAY HOUP.

2. AN ACTIVE VEHICULAR FORD ON THE NAM NOUA AT 2110N 10248E (UTM TJ726431) WAS OBSERVED INACTIVE ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] (REF C). THE APPROACHES WERE OBSERVED OVERGROWN AND IN DISUSE AT THAT TIME.

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3. A LANDSLIDE AREA ON ROUTE 19 AT UTM TJ659422 AND A COLLAPSED EMBANKMENT AT UTM TJ781453, OBSERVED IMPASSABLE [REDACTED] (REF D), ARE NOW OBSERVED CLEARED AND USEABLE FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

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4. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, NEW SINCE [REDACTED] (REF A), WAS OBSERVED AT UTM TJ560394 AND TJ552396 ADJACENT AND WEST OF THE MOTORABLE TERMINUS OF ROUTE 19 AND CONSISTS OF TRAIL WIDENING AND REALIGNMENT.

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C. BOUN NEUA AREA:

1. A NEW 3 NM SEGMENT OF MOTORABLE ROAD WAS OBSERVED EXTENDING NW FROM BOUN NEUA AIRFIELD 2139N 10155E (UTM RD011967) TO A SUSPECT STORAGE AREA AT UTM RD005974 WHERE THE ROAD DIVIDES, ONE SEGMENT

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EXTENDING NE TO UTM RD015983; THE SECOND SEGMENT EXTENDING NW TO UTM QD975996. APPROXIMATELY 12 PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED WITHIN THE SUSPECT STORAGE AREA AT UTM RD005974. THIS AREA WAS ACTIVE [REDACTED] (REF A).

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2. A SUSPECT TELECOMMUNICATION LINE TRACE WAS OBSERVED PARALLEL TO ROUTE 49 APPROXIMATELY 4.8 NM SOUTH OF BOUN NEUA AT UTM QD989870 AND EXTENDING SOUTH TO UTM QD954800. A SECOND SEGMENT WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM EAST OF THE LAOS/CHINA BORDER BETWEEN UTM QD884740 TO QD893751.

3. ROUTE 49 BETWEEN BAN NEUA, LAOS AND MAN-CHUANG, CHINA 2126N 10140E (UTM QD775712) APPEARS TO BE MOTORABLE AND RECEIVING MODERATE TO HEAVY USE.

D. THE SINGLE-LANE, IMPROVED, ALL WEATHER ROAD FIRST OBSERVED ON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] EXTENDING SOUTH FROM MAN-CHUANG, CHINA 2126N 10140E TO WITHIN 2 NM OF THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER APPEARS TO BE COMPLETED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A NEWLY OBSERVED 3 NM SEGMENT AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS BETWEEN UTM QD845468 TO QD855446. A PROBABLE SINGLE LANE, DECK-TYPE BRIDGE WAS OBSERVED COMPLETED AT UTM QD850458. THE BRIDGE AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WERE NOT DISCERNABLE ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED]

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MAP REF: GEOGRAPHIC COORDS FROM USATC SERIES 200, SHEET S0616-16HL,  
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UTM COORDS FROM AMS SERIES L7015, SHEET 5351111; L7012 SHEETS  
53751; 537611, 5476111; 55741, 111.

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